(c) if so, the reasons for the delay and by which date the estimate would be prepared; and

(d) what action is being taken by Gvoernment for early construction of said railway-crossing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. References have been received from Additional Dy. Commissioner-cum-Chief planning and Development Officer. Hissar and from Hon'ble M.P. for manning of Level Crossing under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), at Kms. 11/12-13 (Gang No. 9. Pole N. 12-13). As there is no unmanned level crossing at this location, providing of new level crossing is not permissible under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme.

Rail Projects in Tamil Nadu

1814. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes/projects in Tamil Nadu that were included in the current year's budget, for which pecessary approvals have not been given so far;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether Government would give necessary approval without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) The Salme—Cudda-lore Gauge Conversion project in Tamil Nadu was included in the current year (1999-2000) Budget. Action has been initiated to obtain the necessary clearances.

Conversion of Rail Lines in Rajasthan

1815. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to convert all the meter gauge rail lines to broad gauge in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the total expenditure required and how it is going to be funded; and

(c) what is plan of conversion during the next five years in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Gauge conversion of following works is going on in Rajasthan and some of them will be converted into broad gauge during the next five year as per availability of resources:—

1. Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur
2. Bhildi-Samdari-Jodhpur
3. Luni-Barmer-Munabao
4. Pipar Road-Bilara
5. Agra Fort-Bandikui
6. Sri Ganganagar-Sarupsar
7. Rewari-Sadulpur

Improvement in Announcing System of Railways

1816. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1208 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 1999 and state:

(a) the details of the long-term action plan for improvement in announcement system;

(b) the status of implementation of the action plan; and

(c) the status of the proposal for broadening the over-bridge, alongwith the cost estimate and the time required to complete the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) An action plan has been drawn up for Bidhannagar Railway Station which includes certain additions and alterations and improvement in public address system. The work has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 30.53 lakhs